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Vaccination Clinic UPDATE: 600 Doses To Be Administered on December 30 and December 31; VAPPC Continues Discussion on Phase 1b Priority Group

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The Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS), in partnership with the Office of the Governor, Mayors' Council of Guam (MCOG), Guam Department of Labor (GDOL), Guam Fire Department (GFD), Guam Police Department (GPD), University of Guam (UOG) School of Nursing and Health Sciences, and the Serve Guam Commission - Americorps Guam Program, will continue its COVID-19 vaccination clinic for part of Phase 1b on **Wednesday, December 30 and Thursday, December 31** at Okkodo High School in Dededo. The school cafeteria and gymnasium has been set up as a temporary vaccination clinic.

The DPHSS COVID-19 vaccination clinic will open at 9 a.m and will be provided to the first 600 individuals. A government-issued ID is required and participants will be asked to present a list of their current doctor-prescribed medication.

PHASE	IDENTITY	CRITERIA
1b	Elderly adults	Ages 75 years and older

Pre-screening Eligibility for Vaccinations

In order to take the COVID-19 vaccine, you must meet the following pre-screening eligibility criteria:

- Must not be currently infected with COVID-19, or previously infected within the last 14 days
- Must never have taken other COVID-19 vaccine products
- Must not have received any other vaccine, such as the flu shot, in the last 14 days

A pre-screening eligibility handout is attached.

Only one escort per individual is allowed. If there are multiple eligible individuals who wish to be vaccinated, additional escorts are allowed to accompany these individuals.

Additionally, health care workers who qualify under Phase 1a who were unable to receive their vaccine may go to the vaccination clinic between 2:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Wednesday, December 30 and Thursday, December 31 at Okkodo High School. Health care workers are encouraged to present their professional license or work ID.

Tips for those Participating in the Vaccination Clinic

DPHSS will be providing water and light snacks to those waiting in line. However, in anticipation of possible long wait times, here are some tips for patients and their escorts:

- DPHSS encourages patients to bring their own assistive devices (i.e. wheelchairs, scooters, walkers)
- Bring a jacket or sweater as the post-observation room can get cold
- Wear comfortable clothing and shoes

VAPPC Continues Discussion on Phase 1b Priority Group

The Vaccine and Antiviral Prioritization Policy Committee (VAPPC) held its third virtual meeting Monday evening, during which the group further defined prioritizing subgroups within the Phase 1b category.

The VAPPC agreed to continue to focus on the 75 years and older age group as well as those who are homebound in that category. While continuing to prioritize this age group, DPHSS will collaborate with GPD to further refine their listing of first responders who are directly exposed to COVID-19 while on duty. In addition to providing safety to the public, the VAPPC recognized the critical functions GPD provides during the pandemic as safety officers at the Government of Guam isolation and quarantine facilities, community testing, and at vaccination clinics, among other pandemic-related functions.

The VAPPC also agreed to prioritize hemodialysis patients at private dialysis clinics. DPHSS will communicate with the private dialysis clinics to schedule their patients for vaccination.

GBHWC Crisis Hotline

The Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC) has a Crisis Hotline that is available 24/7 at (671) 647-8833/4. For those feeling anxious, stressed, overwhelmed or are needing to talk to someone, GBHWC has experienced providers available and ready to assist the community with any heightened stress and anxiety experienced as a result of COVID-19.

For the latest information on COVID-19, visit dphss.guam.gov or guamrecovery.com. For inquiries on COVID-19, contact 311 through a local number, or call the Joint Information Center at (671) 478-0208/09/10.

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